

Nomination for Vice Chair

FULL NAME/NICK NAME:	Michael A. Travis, Sr. – a.k.a. “Big” Mike
POSITION:	Accounting Manager
DEPARTMENT/DIVISION	Finance & Administration – Billing Services
JOB RESPONSIBILITIES	Statewide billing of agencies for Telecommunication (voice), and Data (resource) usage.
YEARS OF SERVICE	18 years
EDUCATION	Bachelor of Science in Accounting – Oklahoma Christian University.
FAMILY (optional)	Wife: Karin – Sons: Daniel (26) Michael Jr. (15)
PETS (Optional)	Dog – Westie by the name of “Tuff-E-Nuff”, Tuffy for short.
COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES	Work with community youth sports activities. Have participated as Coach, Umpire, and Director of Officials.
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	Work with Church youth activities. Enjoy a good round of golf. Family outings.

Briefly describe, in a page or less, why you feel you are qualified to hold the position of Vice Chair. In your description, you may answer any of the questions below:

1. What is your future vision for TGMI? How, as a Vice Chair, would you attempt to ensure that this vision becomes a reality?
2. How would you evaluate current TGMI services provided to the membership? What are its strong points, limitation and activities you feel are lacking? What would you do to enhance the services provided by TGMI?
3. Why do you want to be selected for the TGMI Steering Committee? What would you like to accomplish during your tenure as Vice Chair?

For the position of Vice Chair, I feel qualified by having served on the TGMI Steering Committee for the past two years as the President of the Class of 2002. I have coordinated class meetings, class participation on committees, and strived to continually provide information for all functions pertaining to TGMI. As a member of the TGMI Steering Committee, I have served on several committees, including the Orientation of the Class of 2003 committee, the Treasurer Development committee, the 2003 Holiday Breakfast committee, and the TGMI Alumni Network By-Laws committee. I have served as the first TGMI Steering Committee Treasurer, working to establish a proper banking account to fit the needs of the TGMI Alumni Association with as much ease and flexibility as possible.

The individual elected as Vice Chair, and later serving, as the Chair should always look for ways to improve the overall quality of the TGMI experience. Starting from the time a new class is formed, through their addition as alumnus, continually improving the networking function of the Alumni Association and its membership, with improvements in learning governmental operations, to enhance professional development as State employees, supervisors, and executive directors.

TGMI was conceived by TGEI who saw a real need to develop mid-level managers to one day assume higher responsibilities in State government which in the future would become available. The interaction with TGEI continues with events such as the TGI Fall Conference, and the development of the TGI Endowment Fund. TGMI is presently large enough to seriously start using the resources available from the Alumni Association in regards to assisting in these interactions with TGEI through all agencies across the State. It is time to expand and improve ourselves, keeping within the framework of the TGMI Mission Statement:

To provide mid-level managers in Tennessee State Government with management education, networking opportunities and leadership development to become more effective managers and prepare for the leadership challenges of the future.